(c) and (d) Any company involved in the development of GM food crop has to undertake extensive biosafety assessment which includes environmental safety assessment as well as food and feed safety as well as agronomic evaluation. The environmental safety assessment includes studies on pollen escape out - crossing, aggressiveness and weediness, effect of the gene on non-target organisms, presence of the protein in soil and its effect on soil microflora, confirmation of the absence of Terminator Gene, baseline susceptibility studies. The food and feed safety assessment studies include composition analysis, allergenicity and toxicological studies and feeding studies on fish, chicken, cows and buffaloes. Only those transgenic crops which are found to be safe for human consumption as well as the environment are approved for large scale trials. The product is approved for environmental release only when there is a clear socio-economic and technical justification for release of the product.

Joint crack down by army and forest staff on poachers

1852. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to get army and forest staff to work together to crack down on poaching in reserves; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir. There is no such decision taken by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

National Forest Commission on forest conservation efforts

1853. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:.
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the National Forest Commission